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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Honorable Wallace F. Bennett
United States Senate
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Dear Senator Bennett:

I have reviewed with interest the letter from [redacted] of Salt Lake City, Utah, which was forwarded with your letter of 4 June 1960. You may appreciate that many of the points on which comment might be made are still in the classified field. In addition, even though the trial by the Soviets is over, Mr. Powers is still a prisoner in their hands. Hence, we must be careful in our comments that we do nothing to make his personal situation more difficult.

It is to be noted that Mr. Powers was held over 100 days in solitary confinement without access to family, friends, or legal advisers or any United States representative prior to his trial. Undoubtedly, the Soviets could have indoctrinated him during that period to say many things they desired to have come out at the trial. This they can accomplish effectively, even short of all the techniques of "brain washing."

The service performed by the men who participated in the U-2 program was extremely valuable for the security of this country. They were chosen on the basis of past training and other technical, mental, and ideological qualifications, together with a willingness to serve and full knowledge of the difficulties inherent in the task.

While the foregoing may not answer fully the point [redacted] has raised, I hope it will be helpful. At this time I do not feel that it would be in the interest of the prisoner, Mr. Powers, or of national security to say more.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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<p>Mr. Dulles wants this letter re-written to make a more direct answer on the money question. He recited some language on this point from previous letters.</p>			
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